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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of BARTHEL, Herbert, HALLER, Georg,
SCHENK, Andreas, and SCHUETZ, Hartmut
DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING AND/OR MONITORING EXTERNAL
TECHNICAL PROCESSES
Our Ref. Q063371

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 10 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 2 sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449, an International Search Report (with partial translation) and 3 references cited. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

Priority is claimed from September 30, 1998 based on German Application No. 19845025.7. **A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed with this filing.**

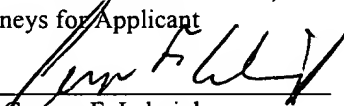
The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE99/02940, filed on September 14, 1999, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the Published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

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Respectfully submitted,
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